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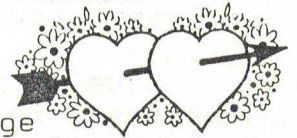
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For the very shortest month of the year this month of February has an unusually large assortment of more or less memorable dates such as the following: ----



in 1865.

February 2: Groundhog Day - if the groundhog sees his shadow one can expect 6 more weeks of winter.



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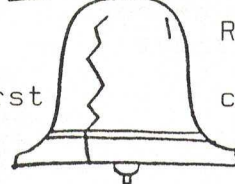
February 6: Babe (George Herman)

Ruth's birthday

February 12: Georgia Day - the first

colonists landed in 1733

February 12: Abraham Lincoln's



birthday

February 14: St. Valentine's Day

February 15: Susan B. Anthony's birthday (Remember her?)

February 15: Presidents' Day (Washington and Lincoln)

February 17: Start of the year 4686 of the Chinese calendar and the beginning of the year of the Dragon

February 22: George Washington's birthday

February 29: The very last day of the month of February



Sister Theresine is giving her Music Appreciation sessions March 24 through April 28 - 6 Thursdays at 11-12 noon in the Lounge.

The following description was sent by her:

"Rhapsody: The life and music of Franz Liszt 1811-1886

Once in a long while and not invariably in royal families a King is born. Franz Liszt was such a king among men. His career was like the passage of some great flaming meteor across the heavens. The story of his life reads more like an extravagant romance than actual fact.

Yet the man did exist. He became one of the most important of modern composers and beyond doubt the greatest pianist in the history of his art.

Six lectures given by Sister Theresine, from March 24 to April 28, 1988 will consider Liszt as poet, as man of affairs, as transcriber and as virtuoso."

Maxie Howlett

SHERWOOD ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

The communion service of Sherwood Episcopal Church, held on Taylor Hall, is scheduled this month for February 17, Ash Wednesday, at 10:30 A.M. in the West Lounge.

The imposition of ashes and the ritual for Ash Wednesday will be part of the service, according to the Reverend Anthony W. L. Hollis, the rector.



Every winter, Broadmead Staff and Residents take a TRIP out of the winter doldrums to some exotic vacation spot. This year, Captain Rich Compton, the officers and the crew of the HOLLY LINE CRUISES, will welcome all passengers aboard the BROADMEAD PRINCESS for a one day fun filled Valentine Cruise..... on Wednesday, February 17th.

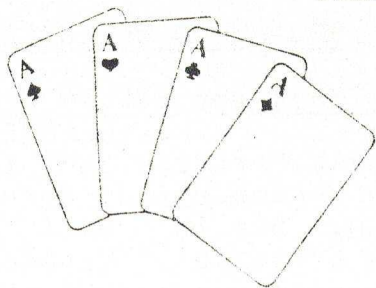
A few days prior to departure, a Daily Program will be placed in each message box to provide information about the ship's services, a room and deck guide, and activities scheduled for the day. Suggested dress is casual.

During the day there will be cruise movies, the GREAT LUNCHEON BUFFET followed by games and/or instructions and demonstrations to mention a few. The Captain's Champagne Party with Pianist Bob Stout (formerly of the Cross Keys Inn) playing for your dancing pleasure, will begin at 4:30 P.M.

The Cruise Consultant Office is open from 8:30-5:30 daily prior to sailing - if you have any requests or ideas to make this a more pleasant "TRIP," see Nancy Grant. The Muth Case will house a display of seafaring and Alaskan items - Residents who have any ship models and/or native Alaskan handicrafts, please see Nancy.

Nancy Grant



CHRISTMAS DECORATINGBRIDGE AT BROADMEAD
1987

The Friday night bridge "league" met for fifty-one of the fifty-two Friday nights in 1987. A total of forty players competed with twenty-nine of the forty playing a sufficient number of rounds (minimum of 50) to qualify for a ranking.

There were twenty-one different weekly champions which indicates wide-spread talent. Ila Cooper had the distinction of winning more weekly championships (7) than any other player.

Haines Felter nosed out Helen Gibson and Bobbie Richardson to retain the Broadmead crown that he won in 1986. The players who finished in the coveted top ten rankings were:

- 1st - Haines Felter
- 2nd - Helen Gibson
- 3rd - Bobbie Richardson
- 4th - Bob Jones
- 5th - Ono Lescure
- 6th - Ila Cooper
- 7th - Sam Silberstein
- 8th - Ida Cullison
- 9th - Elizabeth Yntema
- 10th - Erna White

Haines Felter



The magic of Christmas 1987 is now a happy memory! Our enormous dining room tree, the beautiful tall red and gold auditorium tree, the super lounge tree, all the lighted outdoor trees and the wonderful hill-side lighted star plus garlands, bows, smaller trees, blossoms and things of love form these memories all assembled by a group of outstanding volunteers with help from the maintenance department. A list of these volunteers can be found posted on the bulletin board so that you may discover their names and thank them individually.

As we look forward to 1988 may our Center be full of spectacular activities with many new participants. After seven years a new coordinator for our Christmas decorating activities would, perhaps, create a different "look." Won't you remember your unused talents and enjoy using them in this fun activity? If you are not approached by Lehman Guyton (H-11, 666-5109) please advise him of your interest.

A HAPPY AND WONDERFUL 1988!!!

Mary Louise Hibline



BEAN SOUP

January, named for the two-faced Roman god, Janus, is the time for plain living and high thinking. Healthwise, this means attention to nutrition, simpler foods after the riotous living of the holidays. Emphasis these days is on less cholesterol as well as fewer calories. This usually means cutting down on meat. But what about protein? Turn to vegetable proteins, those of the grains and beans. These, plus a little animal protein, make a complete balance that not only tastes good but is good for you.

Start with the lowly bean, a staple in the diet of the most primitive people, and equally nutritious for us, as well as economical. What would be more welcome on a cold snowy day than bean soup? But in our six-week cycle of menus, bean soup appears once in a blue moon. Bean soup is to the ham bone what turkey hash was to the turkey. But who at Broadmead has a ham bone? Ham hocks are waiting your pleasure at the grocery store and will do just as well. The beans are there also, and need only the most modest attention.

The best known of the bean soup recipes is that from the House of Representatives or Senate kitchens. Our recipe today was sent back to Virginia by former Senator William Spong, Jr., but may have come from another legislator. Let's visualize a lonely congressman, longing for the home-cooked foods of after-Christmas, writing home for a recipe. His reply would probably be "Everyone knows about bean soup." Eventually such culinary authorities as Claiborne of the New York Times got in the act. Bean soup was in favor. Cooks added this or that, but what remained was a good, homey soup, just right for a cold day that will freeze, micro-wave thaw, reheat and follow through after hot buttered rum.

Mildred Williams

BROADMEAD WELCOMES

JUNIUS (Mac) and EVELYN McCARTNEY
C-15 666-2634

The McCartneys came to Broadmead in December from Bethesda, Maryland. She is one of that rare breed - a native of Washington, D.C. and while he was born in North Carolina, he has lived in the D.C. area for many years and calls that home. Both the McCartneys worked for the federal government. He holds a degree from George Washington University, served in the Marine Corps during World War 11, and was then a comptroller for the Navy Department. She was one of the early employees of the C.C.C., served with the Air Force Chief of Staff and then with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and finally with the C.I.A. The McCartneys have many varied interests. Both are avid readers and love to travel particularly in Scotland. He is an active member of the St. Andrews Society and likes to garden, paint, sing, sail, and enjoy nature; Evelyn likes to quilt, cook, and type. The McCartneys have much to offer our community.

MYRA CUMMINGS (MRS. BOGUE) P-3
666-3442

Myra also moved to Broadmead in December but had lived for 35 years right here in Cockeysville just a few miles away on Falls Road. Her late husband had been an auditor for the State of Maryland. Like many of our generation she has been a homemaker and volunteer and very happy in her chosen field. Her interests include bridge (at which I understand she is a whiz!), gardening and crafts. Welcome, Myra.

Betsy Griffin



BROADMEAD WELCOMES

MRS. MARY DEARING B-5 628-5377

Mary came to Broadmead from Silver Spring, Maryland just after Christmas. She is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio but grew up in the Philadelphia area and Chatanooga, Tenn. where she earned her bachelor's degree in American History at the University of Chattanooga. She also holds a master's degree from Washington University in St. Louis, and a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. She is also a member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority. Her late husband spent much of his business career at the Brookings Institution. She herself taught history in Lynchburg, Virginia, at American University in Washington, and for 18 years at Montgomery College in Takoma Park, Maryland. In addition to this active career, she managed to raise two children, a daughter who lives in New York City with her 2 children and a son who lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico with his small child. Mary is an avid reader having been an active member of a book club and listing reading mystery stories as her most satisfying hobby.

Betsy Griffin

Apartment Changes

Charles Baldwin from B-16 to T-365
(666-0228)

IN MEMORIAMJoshua W. Rowe

August 9, 1909 December 24, 1987

Ida D. Cullison

January 30, 1897 December 25, 1987

Orpah C. Hammond

September 13, 1900 January 8, 1988

Esther D. Marshall

August 2, 1905 January 13, 1988

PICKING PRESIDENTS

"Who in America will probably determine who the next president will be?"

This question was asked by Ray Jenkins, editor of the editorial page of the Baltimore Evening Sun when he spoke to the Discussion Group on "Politics of 1988 - A Preview" last month (Jan. 5).

There were only whispers of answers and they all chose one of the present aspirants, from both parties. Readers of the Voice also, herewith, have the opportunity to answer the question, to repeat: "Who in America will probably determine who the next president will be?"

You, dear reader, probably guessed wrong. The answer is: Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

This questionable honor was placed on Mr. Greenspan because he has the power to decide how much inflation is good for the nation and just how high or how low interest rates should be.

"On these decisions," declared the speaker, "will hang the state of the economy and the state of the economy will determine whether a Republican or a Democrat will be elected president next November."

Mr. Jenkins, in addition, deplored "the very poor way we have of choosing presidents in the USA." He pointed out that the chief executive in most European and parliamentary countries are chosen in a six-week campaign, while "we take months upon months."

In the USA, "elections are more like a marathon race and, then, it flushes up such inexperienced people." He went down the list of presidents in this century and

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pointed out how lacking in experience they were for the job and responsibilities of governing the country.

The high cost of being a candidate for president was also rapped by the speaker, as he pointed out that it takes about \$50,000,000 to travel the route from aspirant, to candidate, to president.

Mr. Jenkins also indicated the strong points and weak points of the several present aspirants. Of Pat Robertson, the one-time televangelist and now Republican candidate, he was very definite: he "is not going to be nominated but could do damage to Bush and Dole."

In an extra contribution, Mr. Jenkins explained and demonstrated the part that the computer and technology in general now plays in newspaper writing - an "extra" that was well received and greatly appreciated by the audience.

Another reaction was that the Discussion Group should invite Mr. Jenkins back for another talk sometime in the near future.

G. James Fleming

A SHOCKING STORY

Jim Coale has an ongoing love affair with the Standard Poodle. Before he became a member of the Broadmead community his constant companion was Luke, a black Standard who outdid Mary's Little Lamb by following him to school every day where Jim taught mathematics. One bright afternoon this splendid nine year old pet retrieved a ball and dropped dead.

Shocked and lonesome Jim might have turned to his Elkton-based daughter on her seventeen acre farm where she has ten horses and twelve delightful mongrels, offsprings of an indiscrete bitch. But, no, the successor of high-born Luke must be

a regal AKC registered Standard. Thus was Ben obtained from an Eastern Shore poodle breeder.

Ben is a big brown wooly puppy, awkward and playful - the way puppies usually are. He and Jim quickly became mutually dependent. Neither foresaw the complication which threatened this relationship after they became Broadmead Residents. The fact was that Ben could not stand any separation from his caring master. His protests were loud and clear; his voice penetrated the Cluster with reverberating echo. There seemed only one solution: give up Ben.

Jim did not count on the genius of Ivan Petrovich Pavloff and his dogs. He did, however, consult a dog trainer who made him aware of the "No Bark" dog collar. That's where Pavloff comes in! This device placed about the animal's neck produces a mild shock upon the stimulus of a bark. Pretty soon Ben discovered no bark, no shock! Lo, the Conditioned Reflex Pavloff demonstrated almost a hundred years ago! Four applications of the collar and that nasty bark was abolished.

Jim was asked about his neighbors during this ordeal. His reply: "Kinder than I would believe existed." "Do you like Broadmead?" "How could one not!"

L.P.H.



MAGGIE WALKER - "Ball of Fire"

If she has managed a party of any kind for you, you know that when Maggie Walker says she strives for perfection, she means just that. She does not tolerate "sloppy stuff."

Maggie joined our Food Service staff last June as manager of the coffee shop, and in charge of special days and special functions of all kinds. Doug knows that when he found Maggie, he found a gem.

Maggie has been working with food ever since she was 16 years of age. She first worked for Al Mathias as a waitress in his restaurant in the Bethlehem Steel plant. Later, for seven years she drove a lunch wagon for Al.

Her next job was with Blue Top Diner. Here, too, she drove a lunch wagon. She was not only a driver but also a supervisor over several hundred trucks, seeing that they were properly loaded before they were sent out on their daily route. For several years the company ran contests with prizes for the drivers who had the highest sales. Maggie was a 5-time winner. Her prize one year was \$2000; the next time it was a new 1967 car. She had to have been the "best of the bunch."

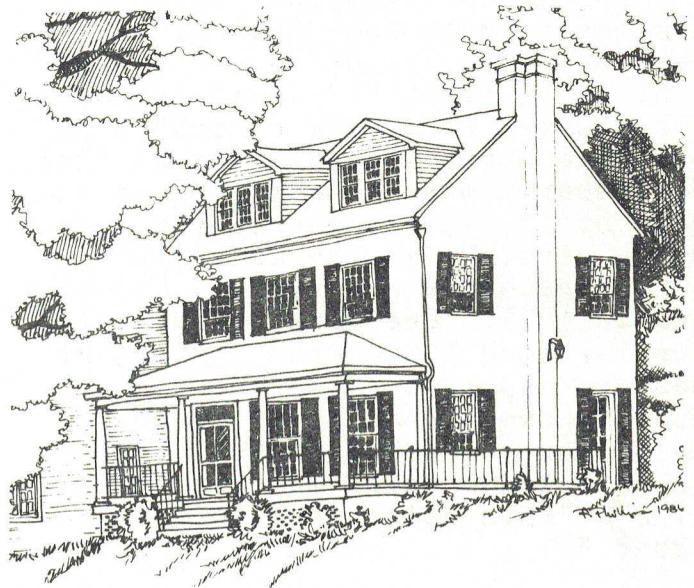
After nearly 15 years, winning contests hands down, Maggie joined Canteen Corp and managed industrial cafeterias in universities and colleges - University of Maryland, Goucher, Buchnell. On her way to Broadmead she worked for Lever Brothers, managing an industrial cafeteria, and also for Mrs. Filbert's Margarine. The president of Mrs. Filbert's knew a good employee when he found one and hired Maggie to plan and manage his personal parties.

Not only did Maggie learn from her extensive work experience, she took home study courses at the Community College of Baltimore and did catering on her own.

In addition to her management jobs, Maggie raised two daughters and two granddaughters. She insisted that her daughters get an education - one is now a claims clerk at Social Security. She instilled in her daughters the principle that difficulties don't stop you - you keep on in spite of anything that gets in your way.

Would you believe that Maggie has time for hobbies in a busy life like hers? She reads, sews, and loves baking bread. She enjoys people, and says that a lot of friendly people encouraged her to work, to stay on the job to learn everything possible about it and from it. Viva! Maggie.

Helen Criley



GRETta HALL TO HOLLY HOUSE

The Voice has received a number of documents relating to the land now occupied by Broadmead and notes concerning Holly House. The following material represents an effort to outline our history from its earliest days. This summary is probably accurate in general but probably weak in the particulars as entries such as "Liber WG 33:359" or "Baltimore City Deeds TK 245:266" need more than an amateur's ability fully to comprehend and appreciate.

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This area was part of Lord Baltimore's grant and our acres (and more) were leased from him in August 1742. It lay north of Cockey's Meadows of which one corner was where Valley View Farms now stands. These leased areas were confiscated during the Revolution and then put up for auction and were usually bought by those living on them. In 1742 records indicate that this property "belonged" to Susannah Greene (the daughter of Nicholas Haile) who lived there in 1745/46. A survey in 1796 shows 108 acres patented to Abraham Greene. On March 10, 1801 Abraham and his wife Elizabeth sold the property to Joseph Thornburgh of Baltimore City and with it the name of "Widow's Delight." (At a guess, Abraham was a son of Susannah.)

In October 1834 the 434-acre farm was sold to John Skinner Webster, a son-in-law of Joseph Thornburgh. (The final "h" seems to have been dropped from "Thornburgh" somewhere along the line.) At that time the property was known as "Mount Repose Farm." Then the property came to his wife, Elizabeth Webster, and at her death was conveyed to Lee Webster in 1877. Lee Webster seems to have borrowed \$7500 from a Margaret Webster secured by a mortgage on Mount Repose. Because of default the property was put up for auction and sold to Margaret Webster for \$11,000 "this being the highest bidder."

In December 1890 Margaret Webster borrowed \$3500 from Emanuel Herman, Jr. pledging part of Mount Repose. At that time the property contained 102 acres cited as within five minutes drive from Cockeysville Station and described as with "improvements consisting of a large substantial brick mansion well built and in good condition, tenement house, barn stables, dairy, ice house and all other necessary outbuildings." It then appears that Emanuel Herman, Jr. sold the property to John Crowther, Jr. on 6/1/98 who then sold it in October 1904 to Alfred W. Pleasants.

Mrs. Pleasants called the place "Gretta Hall" and then in 1933 sold the place to William H. Pearce, a copper manufacturer. The Pearces called it "Western Run Farm" and sold it to J. Wesley Edel in 1944. In 1954 the estate was purchased by Harry A. Dundore, President of Diecraft in Sparks who retained it until 1979 when the property was being converted into the Broadmead Life Care Center.

What we know as "Holly House" has, in its time, been called "Holly Hill," "Mount Repose," "Gretta Hall," "New Shustoke" and "Mount Hope." One document describes it as "vernacular in style, being constructed in two increments and without a balanced or formal design; placement of some windows is irregular as on the rear facade. The main block is apparently Federal in intention, but now has a three-bay front porch and two large dormer windows of the colonial revival period. Gable roofing, one outside chimney." Water was at one time supplied to Holly House and the outbuildings by gravity flow from a large tank (still standing) on the hill to the north of the building. It was pumped up hill by a hydraulic ram.

"Baltimore County Landmarks" by E. Francis Offutt states that Holly House was believed to have been built between 1712 and 1749.

A few miscellaneous notes indicate that the Holly Tree on the front lawn was there in 1944 and that at one time two tenant houses were washed away in a flood; that the large table in the diningroom was made by Ruth Gerbig's husband and father; that on occasion "the elevator would lock guests in the downstairs washroom if they pushed the wrong button for light and shut the door behind them."

The 1877 "Atlas of Baltimore County" locates the house as opposite the Toll Gate and as the residence of Wm. Webster. The map

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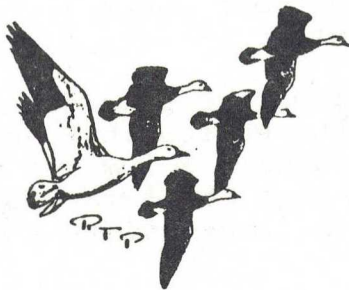
also shows the Matthews Mill at the north-east corner of York and Thorton Mill Roads. There is nothing left now of the mill except a very small portion of the foundation and there is no sign of the mill race shown on the map.

Many Residents will recall Huey Riddle who was Caretaker for Holly Hill Farm for 15 years prior to the construction of Broadmead and who then worked for us until 1983. Some may also recall Charles Lord tell of driving his mother to Holly House in a buggy so that she could play cards there.

For most of us recollections do not go back before 1979 but the memories we have are all fond ones. Some of us lived for a while there while apartments were being finished but to most of us the memories are of gay and pleasant parties and receptions and every year the magnificent Christmas decorations. Even with all its names in the past Holly House it is and will be to us.

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(These notes were based on materials gathered by Malcolm Dill, Nita Hawkins and Alice Powel who wish to thank the Baltimore County and Maryland Historical Societies for their help.)



THE SEPARATION OF POWERS

As part of the series planned by the Discussion Group Senator Paul Sarbanes addressed a near-capacity crowd on January 17th on the "Separation of Powers".

He made the point that the Constitution was the "glue that holds the country together"; that it is a deterrent to the abuse of power by either the legislative or administrative branches and that better policy could evolve through more interplay between the two branches.

"Neither branch has a monopoly on truth" - neither the President nor the Legislature. The Iran scandal is an illustration of the danger and damage caused by one branch operating "above the written law." Senator Sarbanes discussed the Iran affair at some length based on his participation in the hearings. It was evident that he believed that North, Poindexter, Secord and others were acting well beyond the limits imposed by the Constitution. He felt that the solution to such situations recurring lies primarily in the election and appointment of officials willing to let the processes of democracy operate as they were intended.

Following a brisk question and answer period he ended with the story of Benjamin Franklin's response to a lady after the Constitutional Convention was over. She asked, "Are we going to have a monarchy or a republic?" The reply was, "A republic - if you can keep it." Along this line he added that the lack of voter participation by the public in the democratic process is a real problem and a matter of great concern.

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CLOISONNE ON DISPLAY

The present exhibit in the Muth Memorial Case consists of articles of cloisonné for which the Chinese were renowned. This intricate work has been practiced in China since the 14th Century.

Cloisonné (the French word for partitioned) is a method of decorating metallic surfaces with enamel glaze. It consists of outlining the proposed colored areas of the design with pliable metal bands or filaments (cloisons) attached edgewise to the metal surface. The areas thus enclosed are then filled, generally, with bright colored enamel pastes

that melt during the firing process. The cloisons act as a network of dams, thereby preventing the various enamels from running into one another.

Once the entire ground has been covered with enamel and fired, it is cooled, ground with pumice and then buffed with charcoal. This process smooths out whatever lumpiness the surface has acquired during firing and, at the same time, exposes the network of cloisons which are then gilded. The result is a decorative and brightly colored ornament vase, bowl, plate, figurine, etc. which is aesthetically pleasing.

A. Cousins



Four Maryland men have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for extraordinary bravery above and beyond the call of duty in World War II: Isadore S. Jachman, Carl V. Sheridan, Paul J. Wiedorfer, and Arthur M. Preston.

James Bates of Baltimore is the little known inventor of the elevator. He built the first automatic elevator in 1856.



CAUCUS OR MURDER

How many crows does it take to make a "murder"? Surely three seems too few but does it take 10, 20 or more? Bernstein's "Reverse Dictionary" says "murder" is the term for an assemblage of crows and so does James Lipton in "An Exaltation of Larks" although he goes on to say "this is one of the 'unknowns' of the expression of vengery" (from the Latin to hunt, not from Venus). Webster's New Collegiate, the American Heritage, Webster's Unabridged and the OED have no definition of murder that relates to crows.

Ever notice that crows often seem to travel in groups of three like those pictured above? These three were busily engaged in rooting through the snow for food and the snow on their beaks is evidence of the effort.

When a number of crows are noisily gathered together as when they are scolding an owl or hawk it would seem that the term "caucus" would be more appropriate than murder.

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Three Crows - L. Bridge

CASUAL COMMENT

In case you were wondering, the last building to have been completed at North Park is called "Park Plaza" and is the final one planned for that area. It has a total of 125,000 square feet of space for lease. Two tenants have signed up so far - Baker Watts and Company, a brokerage firm, will occupy 4,546 square feet and Quaker Oats will move from the Gatehouse and lease 2,822 square feet for its regional office.

North Park which was begun in 1983 houses regional and corporate offices for Black and Decker, AT&T, Stump, Harvey and Cook, Inc. and PMA Insurance. The printer of the VOICE is also at North Park.

Travel writer Jane Ockerhausen-Smith is writing a book to be called "Maryland One Day Trips" in which a number of Baltimore County areas will be described. It is scheduled for release in the spring of 1988. For information on how to get a copy call the Office of Visitor Promotion and Tourism at 494-3648.

Resident Ila Cooper is featured in Gardening magazine for November 1987 in an article titled "A Box of Sweets." The article discusses her patio garden in Baltimore where she grew sweet potatoes, peanuts and other vegetables and flowers in raised boxes that she could tend while seated in a chair. What will happen here at Broadmead may be different since her gardening space will not be limited.

One of the small pleasures we can anticipate this summer will occur on just one day in August. Just imagine - a nice, clean white sheet of paper in the upper right hand corner of which you will write "8-8-88." And, of course, equally pleasant will be the times when the numbers will be "9-9-99," "10-10-10," or "11-11-11."

Life can get complicated and it is hard to get things to come out even. The time for the earth to complete its orbit around the sun is 365.242 days but this surplus over 365 is ignored but not forgotten as every four years a day is added to the calendar as February 29. This was first done in 46 BC under the direction of Julius Caesar. But this extra day every four years is just a bit too much and does not make our calendar exactly agree with the solar calendar. Adding an extra day every four years over compensates by three days every 400 years. Therefore out of four years ending in "00" three are made "common" rather than leap years. The years 1700, 1800 and 1900 were not leap years but the year 2000 will be.

If this seems too complicated don't get upset. When your calendar shows a February 29 as it does this year just accept it. And when it doesn't will you really notice?

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